

FIVE NEGROES HELD ON MURDER CHARGE

Evidence in Cases Goes Before Grand Jury.

ONE ALREADY INDICTED

Every Effort to Be Made by Court Officials to Clear Docket by June 1—Suit of Mr. V. Poling Against Traction Company in Sight.

There are five prisoners in the District jail held on the charge of murder. They are Thomas Moore, charged with the killing of James Haskins at Chevy Chase on December 18; James Freeman, charged with the murder of Mary Wells in Naylor's Alley on February 3; by kicking her to death; Henry Sims, held for the killing of Nettie Carter on February 7; Forest Pendleton, for the murder of Grafton Brown on February 26 last, and Charles Thomas, alias John St. Clair, arrested for the murder of Daisy Maddox on Tuesday night last in A. B. C. Alley.

All the prisoners are colored, as were the persons they are accused of killing. Only one of them, Moore, however, has been indicted by the grand jury.

To Clear Docket. It is expected, however, that the evidence in these cases will be submitted to the grand jury within the next few days, and that their trials will be proceeded with by the district attorney as rapidly as is consistent with the nature of the offenses.

An effort will be made to clear the criminal docket before June 1 next. There is hardly any doubt of this being accomplished if the work of the courts goes on as rapidly as it has since February 1, the date when grand and petit juries were secured. Because of a defect in the law, it will be remembered that there were no trials by jury in either branch of the Criminal Court during the month of January. Since the juries were organized in February, besides a great number of minor cases, four persons have been tried for murder. Of these three were convicted, Rezekiah Coates, colored, the thirteen-year-old boy who was tried for the murder of Carrie Corbin, colored, eight years of age, being the only one to escape conviction. Of the three who were convicted, one, Elmer Chapman, colored, was killed by Ida Simms, colored, on January 1 last, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. In the other instances the juries qualified their findings fixing the penalty at imprisonment in the penitentiary for life.

Two Not Guilty. Considerable time of the courts was taken up in the trials of York Nelson, who was indicted for manslaughter for the killing of Charles Washington, and Robert Edolin, also put on trial for manslaughter for the killing of John Ward. In both instances the juries found the accused not guilty.

One of the most important cases which will come on for trial in the circuit branch of the court is the suit of Mr. Virgil Poling against the Capital Traction Company to recover \$30,000 as damages for personal injuries. The plaintiff was injured on the night of June 1, 1901, while attempting to board one of the defendant's cars near the corner of M and Seventh Streets northwest.

He had one foot on the running board, it is alleged, when the car was started. He was swung around and backward, striking his back and hip against the car. As a result of the accident, it is claimed that his hip was dislocated and that he is permanently injured.

Expert Testimony. It is expected that a great deal of expert medical testimony will be offered at the trial by either side. The case would have been called to trial some time ago, but because Mr. R. Ross Perry, counsel for the Capital Traction Company, was engaged in the Utermehle case it was delayed. It will probably be set for trial some time this week. Attorneys D. W. and H. H. Glasie represent the plaintiff.

CAKEWALK AND DANCE.

Colored Parishioners of St. Aloysius Church to Hold Carnival of Pleasure.

The colored parishioners of St. Aloysius Church will hold a carnival of pleasure at Gonzaga College Hall on Monday and Tuesday evenings, April 28 and 29. The entertainment will consist of a variety of performance, cakewalk, and dance. The music for the occasion will be rendered by the Monumental Orchestra, Prof. Hamilton, leader.

The program is as follows: Orchestral selections, Hamilton's Orchestra; flag drill, Miss Holmes' class; solo and chorus, "They Say I'm Always Late," song, "Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder," Edna Hamilton; trio, Corinne Cook, Maude Brown, Ernest Woods; fan drill, Edna Hamilton's Company; solo, Miss Holmes; song, "Dolly Grey," Little Estelle Brooks; buck dance, Carter Brothers and Jones and Butler; song, selected, Miss Emelia Stewart; guitar quartet, Crutchfield & Co.; comedy specialties, Dave Brewer and William Campbell; farce, Maxwell & Co.; burlesque selection, Harbour & Co.; high class cakewalk.

Those in charge of the entertainment are: Door committee—Robert Fletcher, Samuel Carroll, and Edward Campbell. Floor committee—Arthur Brown, James D. Bell, Walter Butler, Walter Brooks, and Ernest Woods. Stage committee—James Jackson, John Cook, Emma Weems. Refreshment table—Mrs. Millie Ford, Mrs. J. Hamilton, Mrs. P. Hamilton, Mrs. E. Wright, Mrs. Roy, Miss P. Dorsey, Mrs. Penn, Miss E. Cutch, Mr. George Taylor, Mr. William Fletcher, Miss Sarah Carr. Supper table—Mrs. M. Brown, Mrs. M. Clarke, Mrs. L. Warren, Mr. William Roy, Mr. W. Lee, Mr. Sullivan. Stage managers—Edward Gross and Dan Brewer.

Small Damage by Fire.

A slight fire occurred yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock, in apartment No. 1, Stoddard Place, corner Twenty-ninth and Q Streets northwest. A lace curtain caught fire. The damage amounted to about \$15. The flames were extinguished by Mrs. Virginia Thompson and her daughter, the occupants, and the janitor of the building.

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DIED FROM INJURIES.

David Bowen Passes Away as Result of Accident.

As a result of being run over by a garbage cart last Wednesday, David Bowen, colored, eighty years of age, died yesterday morning about 9 o'clock at the Emergency Hospital, where he had been under treatment.

Lewis Johnson, colored, twenty-eight years old, who was driving the cart at the time of the accident, is held at No. 3 police station to await the verdict of the Coroner's jury, which will convene this morning at 11 o'clock at the morgue. The accident occurred at the corner of Sixteenth and M Streets northwest. The colored man was crossing the street, when he fell, it is said, and the wheels of the garbage cart passed over his chest. The Emergency Hospital ambulance was summoned and Dr. Stewart, the resident physician, who accompanied it, began work at once upon the patient. He stated yesterday that the old man's death was due to the shock to his nervous system resulting from the injury.

DIED FROM NATURAL CAUSES.

Coroner Views Body of J. T. Harris, Who Expired Suddenly.

The sudden death of James T. Harris, colored, at his home, 1225 New York Avenue northwest, yesterday afternoon, has been reported to the Coroner for investigation. Dr. Nevitt viewed the body last night, and he will issue a certificate of death from natural causes this morning. Harris leaves a wife and family of several children. The deceased was employed as a messenger at the War Department. With his family, he occupied rooms rented from Mrs. Mary Van Riewick, who yesterday became suddenly ill, and died before a physician could be summoned. No funeral arrangements have yet been made.

Run Over by a Car.

While playing on the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge yesterday afternoon, about 5 o'clock, Nathan Dombenber, eleven years old, of 2802 Dumbarton Avenue, had his foot slightly injured by being run over by a construction car. He was removed to the Georgetown Hospital and afterward to his home.

CONSPIRACY CASES RARE IN THE DISTRICT

Only Two in Local Courts During Ten Years.

CASE OF "LIEUT." NORTHBRIDGE

Cornelius Knapp Inveigled to Alleged Unveiling of a Statue at Jackson City, Where He Was Assaulted and Robbed—Two Recent Cases.

Convictions for conspiracy in the District are rare. Until the conviction recently of George McGinnes and Llewellyn V. Pulles, both colored, and Louis Semel and Samuel Kuperberg in the criminal branches of the Supreme Court of the District it had been ten years since a conviction was secured.

In November, 1892, William W. Farnsworth, alias Captain Mason, and William Northbridge, otherwise known as Lieutenant Northbridge, both white, were convicted and sentenced to imprisonment in the District jail. They were indicted at the June term of the court for conspiring to assault and rob one Cornelius Knapp. Farnsworth, it is said, introduced Northbridge to Knapp, representing him as a lieutenant in the United States Navy. The latter then went on to say to Knapp that an equestrian statue of General Custer had been erected at Jackson City and that very day, June 20, the monument was to be unveiled. Knapp was induced to attend the unveiling and a carriage was procured to convey the party to Jackson City.

When they reached the Long Bridge, it is said, Knapp was overpowered and robbed of a large sum of money. When arraigned Farnsworth pleaded guilty and Northbridge not guilty. When

called to trial, however, Farnsworth withdrew his plea of guilty and pleaded not guilty. After a lengthy trial both men were convicted and Farnsworth was sentenced to imprisonment in jail for a period of three months and Northbridge for thirty days. Both were, however, discharged from custody before the expiration of their terms of sentence because of their good conduct while in jail.

In the case of the persons recently convicted, it is not expected that they will be so lucky as were those who were found guilty of conspiracy ten years ago. In fact, the circumstances connected with the crime alleged to have been committed are radically different.

In both the recent cases the conspiracy was with the intent to defraud two local street railway corporations of large amounts of money by giving false testimony. McGinnes and Pulles are charged with attempting to defraud the Metropolitan Railroad and Semel and Kuperberg the Capital Traction Company. Since the offense committed by Kuperberg and Semel, the latter has been in jail.

Jumped His Bail Bond.

Kuperberg, however, was released from custody on bail pending the result of his trial. During its progress he jumped his bond, leaving his surety in the lurch. The trial was proceeded with, however, and a verdict of guilty was returned against both defendants.

In both the Semel and Kuperberg and McGinnes and Pulles cases counsel for the parties have filed motions for new trials. Arguments on these motions still be heard on Friday before Justices Barnard and Anderson, presiding respectively in Criminal Courts Nos. 2 and 1. No plea in behalf of Kuperberg can, however, be made until he is present in court. Because until such time the presiding justice will not entertain any motion for his relief.

MARCONI TOWER FOR LEWES.

Ships to Be Spoken There by Wireless Telegraphy.

LEWES, Del., April 20.—The American Wireless Telegraph and Telephone Company has leased for five years the Henry Virden lot, at South and Front Streets, for the erection of a 150-foot pole and the other Marconi appliances. It is proposed to speak vessels 450 miles at sea. A. A. Brown, of Philadelphia, is superintending the work.

UNKNOWN MAN DIES IN THE AMBULANCE

Became Ill and Was Being Taken to the Hospital.

Fellow Boarders Did Not Know His Name—Supposed to Have Been a Chair Mender.

The body of a man whose name is unknown to the police, who rented a room at the boarding house of Mrs. Mary Van Riewick, 116 First Street northwest, and who died suddenly yesterday afternoon in the ambulance of the Emergency Hospital, is at the morgue, awaiting identification. The man, whose appearance is that of a Russian, about forty-eight years old, became ill yesterday about noon, and the ambulance was summoned to remove him to the hospital. On the way to the institution he died. Dr. Stewart, of the hospital staff, notified the Coroner, who viewed the remains last night and sent them to the morgue.

The man had lived at the boarding house of Mrs. Van Riewick only a few days. When he came he said little or nothing about himself or his relatives or friends. He was known to his fellow boarders as a chair mender, and it was said that he had a wife living somewhere in Baltimore. This was all that was known about him. Mrs. Van Riewick does not believe her former lodger had any relatives in this city.

The police telegraphed to Baltimore last night, the authorities there to try and locate the wife if he had one. His description was sent.

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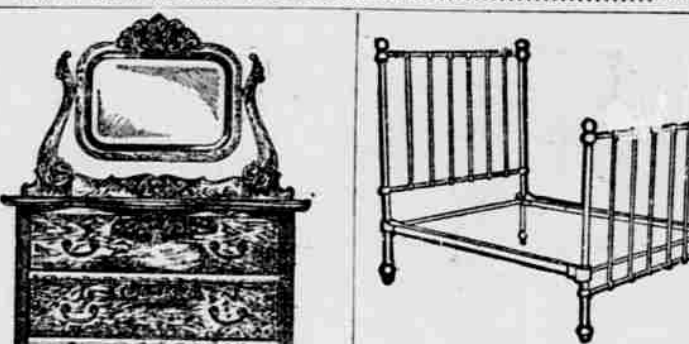
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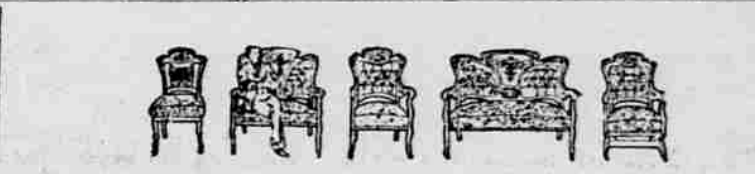
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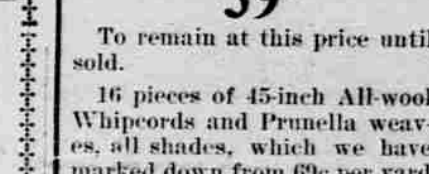
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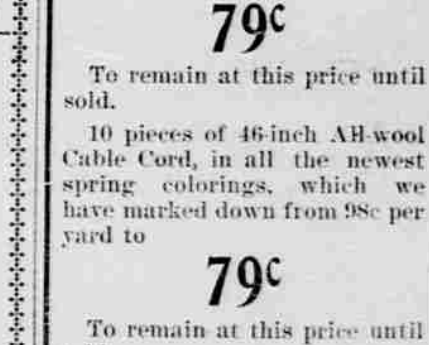


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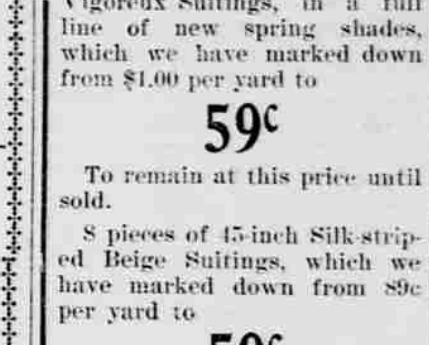
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